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March 25, 2019

Ms. Victoria Rutson
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 786X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Alachua County, FL**

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Enclosed please find the a letter dated March 20, 2019, from Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources concurring with CSX Transportation, Inc.'s determination that the proposed abandonment will have no effect on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely yours,



Melanie B. Yasbin
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

Enclosures



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RON DESANTIS
Governor

LAUREL M. LEE
Secretary of State

Gene Payne
CSX Transportation, Inc.
500 Water Street – J-315
Jacksonville, FL 32202

March 20, 2019

RE: DHR Project File No.: 2018-6183-C, Received by DHR: February 26, 2019
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 786X)
Project Name: *CSX Transportation Abandonment Exemption in Alachua*
County: Alachua

To Whom It May Concern:

The Florida State Historic Preservation Officer reviewed the referenced project for possible effects on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the *National Register of Historic Places*. The review was conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966*, as amended, and its implementing regulations in *36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties*.

A review of the Florida Master Site File indicates that CSX Transportation, Inc. has proposed the abandonment of a section of the historic Jacksonville, Gainesville & Gulf Railroad (8AL5393), for which our office has insufficient information to make a determination of eligibility for listing in the *National Register of Historic Places*. While our office has insufficient information to evaluate the entire rail line, the section of rail line within this project area does not appear to be eligible for listing in the *National Register of Historic Places*. Therefore, our office concurs with CSX Transportation, Inc.'s determination that the proposed abandonment of this section of the Jacksonville, Gainesville & Gulf Railroad will have no effect on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Hall, Historic Sites Specialist, by email at *Kristen.Hall@dos.myflorida.com*, or by telephone at 850.245.6342 or 800.847.7278.

Sincerely,

Timothy A Parsons, Ph.D.
Director, Division of Historical Resources
& State Historic Preservation Officer